



Call for Poster Abstracts Ecological Restoration Networking Session

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers & The Nature Conservancy
Fourth National Partnership Conference

Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington



October 26-29, 2009

Projects to Systems

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are presenting a unique opportunity to facilitate networking and increase awareness regarding the integration of individual partnership projects into comprehensive ecosystem-scaled efforts. On October 26, the Fourth National Partnership Conference will feature presentations focused on bridging the gap between individual projects (local scale) and system wide restoration objectives. Following the presentations, an evening reception and poster networking session will allow participants the opportunity to share past project results and develop future opportunities.

Poster Session and Reception

The Fourth National Partnership Conference is inviting those involved in ecological sustainability and restoration projects to present their stories during the reception as a poster session. The poster session will feature environmental professionals from around the country sharing project results as well as new research and development achievements.

Posters should describe projects related to the field of ecological sustainability and restoration. The scope for the posters should be scaled such that objectives, methods, implementation issues, and results can be clearly described. If presenters prefer additional audio-visual presentations such as laptop computers, advance notification is required to determine feasibility.

Please provide the following information in a 1-page abstract of the poster. Abstracts should include a title, authors and affiliations and a short summary (250 words maximum) of the project or topic being presented (see attached sample abstract for formatting guidance). Posters should be printed on single sheets no larger than 36" X 48" and should include the following elements:

- Authors and Affiliation (contact information); ***NOTE: joint Corps-TNC authorship is encouraged.***
- Abstract
- Introduction and Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusion and Future Direction
- References Cited

The target deadline for abstract submission is **August 21, 2009**. A screening committee will review each proposal and notify participants of further information by **September 4, 2009**.

Poster proposal abstracts should be sent electronically to either:

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The reception will be an informal forum to share ideas, network, and hopefully, create new initiatives for projects or programs. This reception is open to anyone interested in participating. An anticipated outcome from this reception is increased awareness of sustainability and restoration issues. The poster session will provide a forum to disseminate successful ideas and methods.

Additional Information

Additional information can be obtained from the Fourth National Partnership Conference organizers: Lisa Morales, Program Manager – Army Corps at Lisa.T.Morales@hq02.usace.army.mil or Terry Sullivan – The Nature Conservancy at Terry_Sullivan@tnc.org.

EXAMPLE POSTER SUBJECTS

- Floodplains, Levees, and Environmental Restoration
- Near-Coastal Marine Systems
- Dams and Water Management Technologies
- Simulation Tools and Risk Management Methodologies
- Climate Change Adaptation & System Response
- Wetland Restoration and Mitigation
- Institutionalizing Best Practices
- System-Scale Collaboration
- Ecosystem Goods & Services
- USACE-TNC International Collaboration
- Organizational initiatives and Emerging Focus Areas

SAMPLE ABSTRACT:

The Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership with the Nature Conservancy's Alliance An Approach to Restoring Nearshore Ecosystems at a Sound-wide Scale

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The health of Puget Sound is threatened by a diverse array of anthropogenic stressors. The Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership (Nearshore Partnership) is developing a comprehensive approach to guide restoration and protection actions for positive ecological responses across local and regional scales. This approach focuses actions on nearshore processes that form and maintain ecosystem structure, which in turn provide valued functions such as habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants. The State of Washington and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are currently conducting a General Investigation (GI) seeking to understand how human activities impact nearshore ecosystem processes. The outcome of this GI, a Final Feasibility Report, is anticipated to identify actions necessary to restore the health of Puget Sound, and a request for an ecosystem restoration authority for the Corps to implement the large-scale projects. By including within the scope of the GI study priority ecosystem restoration needs, the Nearshore Partnership is working to inform a broad spectrum of nearshore restoration and protection efforts by the community of Puget Sound restoration partners. One example of these broader efforts is provided by the Alliance for Puget Sound Shorelines. The Alliance represents The Nature Conservancy, The Trust For Public Lands and People For Puget Sound with restoration, protection, and public shoreline access objectives which complement those of the Nearshore Partnership. Insuring that large scale federally funded actions are working in synchrony with local and regional actions is anticipated to yield greater cumulative improvements in the condition of Puget Sound's biological resources.